

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are amended, claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 are canceled, and claims 9-20 are added.

Support for the amendment is found at, for example, Fig. 1 and page 13, line 14-page 14, line 3. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 is amended to recite "a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program," to make the claim statutory. The computer-readable medium defines structural and functional interrelationships between the computer program and the rest of the computer that permit the computer program's functionality to be realized, making the claim statutory.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-285203 (Tanaka) in view of Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-187247 (Akiba). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Tanaka and Akiba, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest "a setting reception section that receives setting information including a transmission setting from the external; an information writing section that writes the setting information received by the setting reception section into the information storage section; an information reading section that reads the setting information from the information storage section; and a first control section that controls a communication device to transmit the displayed image, which is read

by the image reading section, in accordance with the setting information read by the information reading section," as recited in amended claim 1.

Tanaka describes in summary "a user who the paper 1 incorporating the IC chip where information is recorded in this manner reads printed contents to recognize the contents of the information. The IC reader/writer 50 reads out electronic data from the IC part, and the central processing unit converts this electronic data to send it out to the output device 10, and the output device 10 outputs electronic data in such form that it can be recognized by persons." Tanaka describes an operation of copying machine for a sheet of paper incorporating the IC chip, and does not disclose any features of transmitting the displayed image data over a communication device. Therefore, Tanaka fails to disclose or suggest "the setting information including a transmission setting is received and is written in the information storage section, and that a displayed image is transmitted through a communication device in accordance with the setting information read by the information reading section," as recited in claim 1.

This deficiency of Tanaka is not cured by Akiba, which only discloses when an original is copied, the setting information is added to the specified place in the specified form, for example, a bar code, and outputted on the sheet. The setting information is not written in the IC chip.

Independent claims 3, 5 and 7 recite similar features to those discussed above in connection with claim 1. Thus, claims 1, 3, 5 and 7, and claims dependent therefrom are patentable over Tanaka and Akiba.

For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

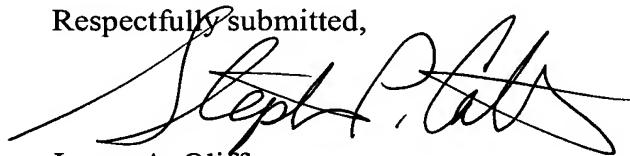
Claims 9-20 are added. These claims recite more specific details relating to a facsimile device, additional control using transmission settings and print settings, and reading

of setting information using an antenna. Claims 9-20 are allowable for their dependence on allowable base claims 1, 3, 5 or 7, and for the additional features recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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